

Camden Historic Resources Committee
Minutes of Meeting
October 11, 2011

Present: Kit Parker, Chair; Members: Mark DeMichele, Elinor Klivans, Beedy Parker; Town Manager Pat Finnigan; Selectman Don White; Garden Club Liaison, Judy McGuirk; Volunteer: Ann Sziklas.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved with no corrections.

Chair's Report:

Kit reported that Don White is our new Select Board liaison and welcomed him.

The membership of the Historic Resources Committee remains the same, with on Alternate vacancy.

Committee Reports:

Village Green

The Village Green final cleanup got rained out and will be held later in the month.

Archives

The Archives Committee has not yet met, but has not much left to do. Will start meeting soon when Rosalee is available. Kit asked Heather to continue digitizing the archives, as money is still available.

Harbor Park & Amphitheatre

Elinor has e-mailed Dave Jackson's monthly report.

The National Historic Landmark designation of the Amphitheatre remains in process.

Old Business

QR code update

Kit spoke to Dan Bookham about the readiness of the website and has not been informed on progress on the QR code. Mark asked how the QR codes would be mounted. Don White asked about the timetable for the QR code.

Walking Tours

Kit presented the most recent additions to the Walking Tour texts: Susan Snead's Great Fire District, Barbara Dyer on Industry including mills sites and shipyards, Judy McGuirk on Camden Garden Club activities. Chris Glass will write about the Camden Post Office. Kit will work on a little booklet of the material. The Downtown Business group is working on it too. She said it may be a challenge to find tour guides, but Judy says several Garden Club members are interested.

New Business

Curtis Lighthouse Painting

Mark reports that approved methods are still up to the State Historic Preservation Commission.

Other

Kit ?.....is making a presentation on the Down Town Master Plan, (part of the \$8,000 Canopy Program????), which opens opportunities to get grants. A \$20,000 grant is being applied for (???????????) and Bryan will select a firm to do the plan, including materials used to get the Rt1 Gateway grant. Don White says that the Historic Resources should be part of this process and wants to see more committee/staff interaction (as called for at last month's meeting to review town committees processes). Discussion followed of the Committees mandate (advising on Town historic properties and educating, based on the 1992 ordinance).

Reference was made to the Committee's ample orientation packet (and town reports). Kit thanks the new Town Manager, Pat Finnigan, for bringing this to the attention of the Committee.

Discussion of possible follow-up on the rejected Historic Preservation Ordinance: working with the downtown business people, incorporating the Planning Board into oversight in the ordinance..., better publicizing the intent of an ordinance...

Pat Finnigan (who has a Portland background in working with historic preservation) appreciates being kept up to date, along with Don White.

The next meeting will be Tuesday November 8th, Election Day.

Respectfully submitted,

Beedy Parker